

REMARKS

1. The 1/8/2007 amendment was amended according to the suggestion of the 12/29/2006 final rejection. On pages 6-8 of the last Office Action, the previous examiner used boldface to stress that "In order to have this rejection withdrawn, applicant may want to place the limitation of bone marrow aspirate from claim 23 in independent claim 1. ... In order to have the rejection withdrawn, applicant may want to remove the pore size range from claim 1." In other words, the 1/8/2007 amendment was completely amended by following the suggestion of the last Office Action.

The pore size limitation, 0.4 to 40 microns, was previously added to claim 1. It was further amended to be 0.4 to 20 microns as well as to 1.5 to 20 microns. However, the previous examiner did not allow the pore size limitation in the claim.

2. According to the last Office Action, this application now should be placed in condition of allowance. An early Notice to this effect is respectfully expected.

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